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Franz von Albini

Franz Joseph Martin, Freiherr von Albini auf Dürrenried (14 May 1748 – 8 January 1816) was a German judge and statesman, noted for organising the defence of German states against the French Revolution.

Life

Born 1748 in St. Goar, Germany, he served in the Würzburg Court and Government from 1770, the Court of Appeal in Wetzlar from 1775, and became a clerk to the Holy Roman Empire in Vienna 1787. In 1790 he became Electoral Chancellor and Minister, and headed the last Imperial election in 1792. When the armies of Revolutionary France began making incursions into Germany in 1794 he represented the general arming of the people against the French occupation. He organised the defensive *Landsturm* (Militia) of Mainz and surroundings. Albini was a representative at the Congress of Rastatt 1797. On the re-opening of hostilities in 1799 he was given the rank of *Feldzeugmeister* in the Austrian Army and appointed to command a 20,000-man corps of German volunteers raised on the right bank of the Rhine under Graf Sztaray. In this capacity he attacked the French under Louis Baraguey d'Hilliers in September and re-captured Frankfurt-am-Main, before threatening the French garrison of Mainz. During Claude Lecourbe's offensive of 16 November he again threatened the French left wing on the right bank of the Neckar.[1]

In 1806 he was made Governor of Regensburg, and for a short period Commissioner of Frankfurt 19–25 September 1806. Then he was Chairman of the Council of Ministers of Frankfurt 10 October 1806 – December 1810. In the Confederation of the Rhine he was made Minister of the Grand Duchy of Frankfurt 1810. Albini was a member of the Conference of Ministers administrating Frankfurt 30 September – 23

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Electoral Chancellor and Minister of the Electorate of Würzburg
In office
1790–1794
Feldzeugmeister in the Austrian Army
In office
1799–1806
Governor of Regensburg
In office
1806–1806
Commissioner of Frankfurt
In office
19 September 1806 – 25 September 1806
Chairman of the Council of Ministers of Frankfurt
In office
10 October 1806 – December 1810
Minister of the Grand Duchy of Frankfurt
In office
1810–1813

December 1813, then Presidential Envoy to the Federal Parliament of the German Confederation in Frankfurt 5 October – 16 December 1815. He died in 1816 in Dieburg.

Presidential Envoy to the Federal Parliament of the German Confederation	
In office	
5 October 1815 – 16 December 1815	
Personal details	
Born	14 May 1748 Sankt Goar, Germany
Died	8 January 1816 (aged 67) Dieburg, Germany
Occupation	Judge, Statesman

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